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REMARKS

Further to the Response filed by Applicants on June 10, 2002, Applicants submit this Supplemental Response based on learning of additional information that is relevant to the merits of this application.

Specifically, Applicants have just become aware of a Decision on Appeal rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in application serial no. 09/086,493. A copy of the Decision is attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

Specifically, the Examiner's attention is directed to pages 3 and 4 of the Decision. Here, the Board ruled "as general proposition, the structure of four layer or four element ball like that in Shimosaka is the same whether a layer, such as a layer (3) for example, is denominated as